



MEDIA RELEASE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL PRUNING OF MISSION ROSE GARDEN

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The City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department and the Rose Society are requesting volunteers to help prune the popular A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden on **Saturday, January 14 (rain date: January 21) starting at 9 a.m.** The stunning garden contains an accredited, All- American Rose selection of over 1,500 plants adjacent to the Santa Barbara Mission and is nourished throughout the year by Rose Society members and Parks Division caretaker staff. The annual pruning is necessary to insure abundant blooms for the spring and summer months and requires a large hands-on effort using volunteers from the community.

No experience is necessary; rosarians will be on hand to demonstrate proper rose pruning techniques to interested participants. We recommend that those interested in participating in pruning roses wear work clothes including long pants and long sleeves, eye protection such as safety glasses, leather gloves, and bring hand pruners, a leaf rake and a looper. Refreshments will be provided by the Santa Barbara Rose Garden Society.

For more information, please call the City Parks Department at 564-5433.

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